

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 9 through 11, 15, 16, 19 and 20 are now pending in this application. Claims 5, 9, 10, 15 and 19 stand allowed. Claims 6, 11 and 16 were rejected in the non-final Office Action dated September 22, 2005. In response to the Office Action, claims 6 and 11 have been amended and new claim 20 has been added. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully solicited.

The courtesy extended by Examiner Santiago during a telephone interview conducted October 8, 2005 is appreciated. A portion of the discussion concerned the rejection of claim 6 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The basis for this rejection was the dependence of claim 6 from claim 1, which had previously been cancelled. Mr. Santiago explained that the claim, once cancelled, could not be reinstated with the same claim number. Reinstatement of the claim with a new claim number, however, is permissible. New claim 20 incorporates the subject matter of claim 1 with further recitation. The additional recitation of this claim finds support in the original disclosure at, for example, page 10, lines 11-12 of the specification. The dependency of claim 6 has been changed from claim 1 to claim 20. It is urged that claim 6 now meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and that the rejection of claim 6 based on this portion of the statute be withdrawn.

Claims 6, 11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,760,024 (Lokovic). The claim limitations have been read on Lokovic at pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action. This rejection was discussed during the aforementioned telephone interview. Mr. Santiago confirmed the suggestion, set forth in Interview Summary (of September 2, 2005) attached to the Office Action, to add a claim requirement inhibiting drawing the object if the depth exceeds a threshold value. Such a requirement has been added to claim 11

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and is included in new claim 20. Claim 16 is dependent from claim 11. As Lokovic neither discloses nor suggests this added claim feature, withdrawal of the rejection is believed to be appropriate.

Allowance of the application is respectfully solicited. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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